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SUBJ: STSC MEETING (DRAFTING GROUP ON QUESTIONNAIRE
AND BACKGROUND PAPER)

1. AD HOC DRAFTING GROUP (US, USSR, SWEDEN, MOROCCO, JAPAN, CANADA) MET MAY 15 UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP FIORIO TO PREPARE QUESTIONNAIRE ON REMOTE SENSING FROM MEMBER STATES. GENERAL AGREEMENT REACHED ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN QUESTIONNAIRE. DESPITE RESERVATIONS OF CANADIANS, WHO WERE SUPPORTED BY SWEDES, FIORIO CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS NOT PRACTICAL TO REVISE CHAPTERS 4 AND 5 (LEGAL AND ORGANIZATIONS) OF BACKGROUND PAPER. HE PROPOSED INSTEAD THAT QUESTIONNAIRE BE ACCOMPANIED BY BACKGROUND PAPER, (TO BE REVISED AS NECESSARY IN CHAPTERS 1, 2 AND 3), THE REPORT OF NASA' S MARCH SEMINAR ON REMOTE SENSING, AND THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE WGRS. INCLUSION OF PROGRESS REPORT WAS PROPOSED AS MEANS OF HOLDING BACK PRESSURES FOR REVISION OF CHAPTERS 4 AND 5. UPDATED HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION OF BACKGROUND PAPER WILL NOTE WIDE RANGE OF VIEWS EXPRESSED ONLEGAL MATTERS CONTAINED IN BACKGROUND REORT, AND POINT OUT THAT THESE DIFFERING VIEWS WERE REFLECTED BY DELEGATIONS IN WGRS PROGRESS REPORT. QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY GENERAL.

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2. DRAFTING GROUP UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON WORDING OF QUESTION OR QUESTIONS COVERING LEGAL MATTERS. FIORIO REQUESTED USSR, US, AND CANADIANS TO DRAFT LANGUAGE THIS SUBJECT FOR QUESTIONNAIRE TODAY FOR REFERRAL TO DRAFTING GROUP MAY 16. THREE DELEGATIONS MET TODAY AND MADE SOME PROGRESS TOWARDS WORDING THAT WOULD CONSIDERABLY DIMINISH LOADED TENOR OF CANADIAN' S EARLIER DRAFT, WHICH IS LARGELY PARAPHRASE OF PARA. 51 OF PROGRESS REPORT . AT MORNING SESSION MAY 16, USSR SUPPORTED OUT OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFIC, " SYSTEMATIC" APPROACH TAKEN BY CANADIANS IN FORMULATING LEGAL QUESTIONS AND URGED QUESTION ON LEGAL MATTERS BE COVERED IN BROAD AND GENERAL TERMS.
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